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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Do Government maintain cycles in mufassal police stations? As the area that these stations have to cover is very large, will it not be desirable that one cycle at least is maintained for each Circle? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the main question is with reference to the City. I cannot answer off-hand the question with reference to mufassal stations."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I fail to understand how a constable going on cycle can patrol the streets of the City efficiently, for constables are expected to patrol the streets by walking and parambulating on the roads. Will Government consider the question of doing away with the system of constables going on cycles for patrol? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as a layman I am unable to agree with the suggestion made by the hon. Member. Anyhow, I shall ask the department to consider this question also."

Sinking of artesian wells under the supervision of Mr. L. B. Riggins.

* 656 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many artesian wells were sunk under the supervision of Mr. L. B. Riggins, the F.A.O. Well Drilling Expert;

(*b*) how many department drillers were trained by him; and

(*c*) the expenditure incurred for the services of Mr. L. B. Riggins?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) One artesian and three sub-artesian wells.

" (*b*) two Drillers; four Assistant Drillers and three Assistant Driller Trainees.

" (*c*) Rs. 17,284."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, the number of non-departmental drillers trained, if any, and whether they were employed? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the following staff were trained :—

(1) One Inspector of Power Drills.

(2) One Supervisor.

(3) One Assistant Driller in charge.

(4) One Assistant Driller.

(5) Three Assistant Driller Trainees.

(6) One Mechanic from Vijayavada division."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know during what period the expenditure was incurred and what the nationality of this expert is? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the period was between 27th December 1951 and 9th October 1952. The name of the expert is Mr. Leslie B. Riggins. He is a Well Drilling Expert of the Food and Agricultural Organization. I have no information about his nationality."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" May I know the expenditure incurred on the artesian well, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Generation of power from " Urakkuzhi " Water-falls, North Malabar.

* 657 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme to generate power from " Urakkuzhi " Water-falls, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) All such possible schemes are known to Government and are investigated one by one in order of power potential at economic cost.

" (b) The Government Electricity Department have been collecting rainfall statistics since 1940–41 in respect of the Kuttiyadi River basin where the Urakkuzhi falls is situated. Hydro-metric survey of the basin has been included in the five-year programme already sanctioned by the Government for conducting such investigations and the work in this regard will be taken up in due course."

Srimushnam Poor Students' Hostel, Chidambaram taluk.

* 658 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for Government not recognizing the Srimushnam Poor Students' Hostel, Chidambaram taluk, run for the benefit of Backward Classes; and

(b) the dates of the first and the last representations received from the proprietor of the hostel requesting recognition of the hostel?